

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending in the present application. In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the Application into several species and required election between the species: Group - FIGS. 1 and 3-6; Group II - FIG. 2; Group III - FIG. 6A; Group IV - FIG. 7; Group V - FIG. 8; Group VI - FIGS. 9-12; Group VII - FIGS. 13-18; Group VIII - FIGS. 19-32 and 34-40; Group IX - FIG. 33; Group X - FIGS. 41 and 49; Group XI - FIGS. 42-48, 51-54, 56, and 58; Group XII - FIG. 50; Group XIII - FIG. 55; Group XIV - FIG. 57; Group XV - FIGS. 59-65; and Group XVI - FIGS. 66-73.

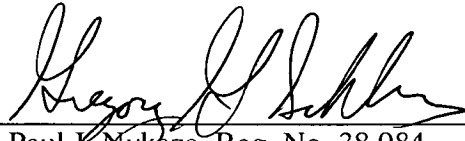
Applicants elect the species of Group XVI (FIGS. 66-73) for prosecution on the merits. Claims 1-18 are readable on the species of FIGS. 66-73. Thus, Applicants need not withdraw or cancel any claims at the present time.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claims 1-18 in the present Application. Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests an early notice of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

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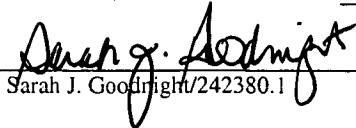
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